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Re: Application # 10/712,227 Confirmation # 8476  
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File Date 11/14/2003  
TC/A.U. 3617  
Examiner Sherman D. Basinger  
Customer # 41 753

**Subject: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF 12 JULY 2004**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.